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Land Assignment.

Assignment of a certain piece of land in Manjembedu village.

*986 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a piece of land measuring about 24 cents in Manjembedu village, No. 181 of Conjeeveram taluk, Wallajahbad firka, was assigned to one Adi-Dravida by name Kuppan, son of Arumugam, more than three years ago;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government are now demanding from the said Adi-Dravida a certain amount of money over and above the means of this poor Adi-Dravida, and why; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the advisability of confirming the assignment of the said land to the same man without demanding any payment at this stage?

A.—The Government have no knowledge of the case and have issued no orders of the kind referred to in clause (b). If the action of a subordinate authority is in question, the Government will consider the matter on receipt of an appeal in the usual course accompanied by copies of the orders objected to.

Loans

Grant of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act.

*987 Q.—Rajkumar S. N. DORAI RAJA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the Council table all the orders issued by the Government from 1918 till 1928 regarding the grant of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act?

A.—All the general orders of Government on the subject of loans granted under the Act in question are embodied in the Madras Takkavi Manual which is a publication available in the Secretariat Library. A very recent order of Government—G.O. No. 2756, Revenue, dated 24th November 1928—which has not yet been so embodied is placed on the table.[a]

Minor Irrigation

Minor irrigation tanks in the Presidency.

*988 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tanks under minor irrigation in the Presidency;

(b) the extent irrigated under each tank;

(c) the revenue derivable for lands under each;

(d) whether any of them breached during the recent heavy rains (in October last);

(e) if so, how many; and

(f) the cost of repairing them?

A.—(a) to (f) A report has been called for.

[a] Printed as Appendix XX on page 548 infra.